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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW - IL 1142 - PIPE, TUBING,
AND FITTINGS (OF 1754 MATERIAL)

REF: COCOM DOC. REV (74) 1142 WP1

1. IN PRESENTING HIS PROPOSAL TO DELETE THE ITEM, THE JAPANESE DEL EXPLAINED HIS AUTHORITIES' BELIEF THAT THESE ITEMS WITH INNER DIAMETERS OF ONE INCH OR LESS ARE (A) PRIMARILY IN CIVIL USE, AND (B) WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING CAPABILITY OF THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. HE ALSO RECALLED, AND THE UK DEL LATER CONFIRMED, THAT THE BRITISH HAD ARGUED FOR DELETION OF THIS ITEM IN THE 1965 LR.

2. THE USDEL RESERVED BECAUSE HIS AUTHORITIES HAD NOT COMPLETED THEIR ANALYSIS. HE DID NOTE, HOWEVER, (FROM TTG REPORT) THAT THERE MAY BE CONTINUED BELIEF IN THE US THAT THERE ARE IMPORTANT MILITARY USES FOR THESE ITEMS.

3. ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS ENDORSED THE JAPANESE PROPOSAL FOR DELETION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: RE-EVALUATION OF THE POSITIONS
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ADOPTED BY THE US SINCE 1965 IS REQUIRED TO ASCERTAIN

WHETHER THERE IS INDEED ANY SIGNIFICANT MILI-
TARY USE FOR THESE ITEMS AND, IF SO, WHETHER THAT USE
MEETS THE TERMS OF THE COCOM STRATEGIC CRITERIA. (FYI-IN
AN ASIDE TO MEMBER OF US GROUP, UKDEL CONFIDED THAT THE
BRITISH FIND THE US POSITION ON 1754 AND THESE RELATED
ITEMS "COMPLETELY BAFFLING." CIRCUMSTANCES WERE SUCH THAT
HIS COMMENT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SINCERE RATHER THAN
TACTICAL. END FYI.)
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